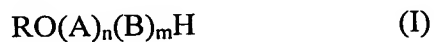


IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-8 (Canceled).

Claim 9 (New): A composition at least comprising one alkoxylate of the formula I:



in which

- R is an alkyl radical of the formula $\text{C}_5\text{H}_{11}\text{CH}(\text{C}_3\text{H}_7)\text{CH}_2-$,
- A is propyleneoxy,
- B is ethyleneoxy or a mixture of ethyleneoxy and propyleneoxy,
- n is an integer or fraction where $0 < n < 1$,
- m is an integer or fraction where $0 < m \leq 20$,

with the proviso that for R, isomer mixtures of an alkyl radical of the empirical formula $\text{C}_5\text{H}_{11}\text{CH}(\text{C}_3\text{H}_7)\text{CH}_2-$ comprising

70 to 99% by weight	of a radical R1 in which C_5H_{11} has the meaning n- C_5H_{11}
	and

1 to 30% by weight	of a radical R2 in which C_5H_{11} has the meaning
	$\text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)\text{CH}_2$ and/or $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2$,

are excluded.

Claim 10 (New): A composition as claimed in claim 9, wherein B is ethyleneoxy.

Claim 11 (New): A composition as claimed in claim 9, wherein m is an integer or fraction from 2 to 14.

Claim 12 (New): A composition as claimed in claim 9, wherein the content of zinc in the composition is greater than 0 and less than or equal to 15 ppm, or the content of cobalt is greater than 0 or less than or equal to 7 ppm, or the content of zinc is greater than 0 and less than or equal to 15 pm and the content of cobalt is greater than 0 and less than or equal to 7 ppm.

Claim 13 (New): A process for the preparation of compositions as defined in claim 9 by reacting at least one alcohol $C_5H_{11}CH(C_3H_7)CH_2-OH$ with propylene oxide and ethylene oxide under alkoxylation conditions, wherein the alkoxylation is carried out in the presence of a double-metal cyanide compound as catalyst.

Claim 14 (New): A method comprising utilizing the composition as claimed in claim 9 as an emulsifier, a foam regulator or as a wetting agent for hard surfaces.

Claim 15 (New): The method as claimed in claim 14 wherein said emulsifier, said foam regulator or said wetting agent is utilized in detergents, surfactant formulations for cleaning hard surfaces, humectants, cosmetics, pharmaceutical and crop protection formulations, paints, coating compositions, adhesives, leather-degreasing compositions, formulations for the textile industry, fiber processing, metalworking, the food industry, water treatment, the paper industry, fermentation or mineral processing and in emulsion polymerizations.

Claim 16 (New): A detergent, cleaner, wetting agent, coating composition, adhesive, leather-degreasing composition, humectant or textile-treatment composition or cosmetic,

pharmaceutical or crop protection formulation comprising compositions as claimed in claim

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